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Mr. Robert E. Hampton, Chairman Civil Service Commission 1900 E. Street, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20415

Dear Mr. Hampton

This letter is prompted by the recent Senate approval of S. 1682 and is written in the light of our understanding of the position of the Commission concerning the applicability of federal executive service legislation to this Agency.

Although S. 1682 authorizes the President to exclude agencies from the "Federal Executive Service;" there are other provisions in the bill which would apply even to those agencies which have been so excluded. For example, Section 3(d) establishes a right of appeal to the Commission if an employee feels there has been a violation of rights granted him under the provisions of the bill, which do apply to excluded agencies. The conflict this could raise with certain statutory authorities and responsibilities involving tenure for Agency employees and protection of intelligence sources and methods has been already covered in detail in a letter from Mr. Harry Fisher to Mr. Seymour Berlin dated 18 April 1972.

It is our understanding that the House Committee version of this legislation is still in draft form but that it will provide for a full and specific exemption for this Agency and its employees and that the Commission is optimistic that this version will prevail in the Congress.

We appreciate your continued understanding and appreciation of our position and the importance we attach to it. Approved For Release 2004/12/15: CIA-RDP74B00415R000600070006-9

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